Third Largest Non-Profit, Secular Healthcare System in the Nation Uses Prolog®Software to Save More than $17M in Construction Costs Over Three Years

North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System (NSLIJ) is a multi-disciplinary healthcare system in New York serving 5.2 million people in Long Island, Queens and Staten Island.

It is comprised of 15 hospitals (including three world-class tertiary hospitals as well as a nationally recognized children's hospital and a psychiatric facility), hospice and home care services, a major medical research institute and other health-related facilities. With a $4B annual operating budget and more than 38,000 employees, NSLIJ is the third largest non-profit, secular healthcare system in the nation.

The growing North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System (NSLIJ) had a problem: it didn't have a systematic method of tracking costs and budgets for its facilities construction and upgrades. According to Bernie Dubin, the System's Vice President of Project Management, each project manager had their own spreadsheets and the organization had no controls in place and zero visibility into its project portfolio. It was Dubin's task to find a software system that would change this.

"We looked at a number of different packages and ultimately chose Prolog®Manager from Meridian Systems," Dubin explains. "Prolog gave us the configurability that would allow us to gain the controls we needed without overburdening our project managers."

"As an owner, we have a lot of expenses that a construction manager might not incur," says Dubin. "Prolog allows us to have a detailed list of 100-120

cost codes that serve as a checklist for the project manager to ensure that everything needed for the project is associated with dollars. We get a very thorough budget and a way to control changes."

The organization chose to outsource its Prolog administration to The Cram Group (www.thecramgroup.com), an authorized Meridian reseller headquartered in New York City.

The Cram Group hosts NSLIJ's Prolog user licenses (Prolog is accessed via the Internet via the company's ProjectXnet Managed Hosting service) and provides a full time, on-site administrator for database management and support. "This has been invaluable to us," says Dubin. "Not only does our administrator from The Cram Group handle the day-to-day maintenance of our Prolog software, but he also develops reports and queries on-the-fly."